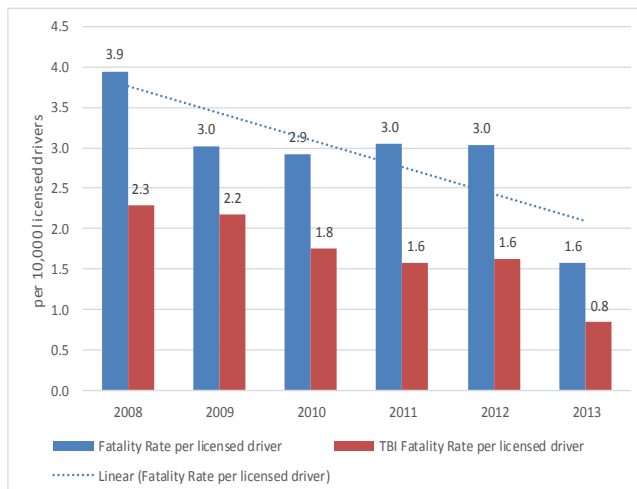


# Motorcycle Injuries and Fatalities, Nebraska 2008-2013



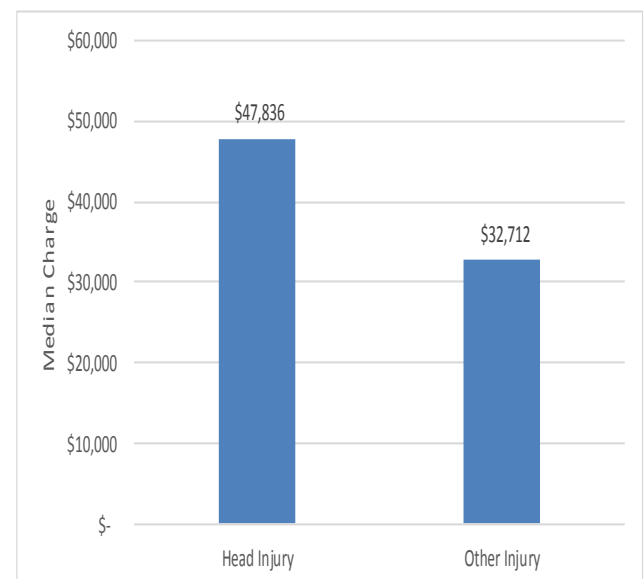
In Nebraska, family and community is our priority. Keeping all citizens safe on our states highways is a vital part of maintaining a healthy family and community. From 2008-2013 there were 151 deaths resulting from a motorcycle crash, of those 88 (58%) were the result of a head injury<sup>3</sup>.

**Figure 1: Motorcycle Fatality Rate per Licensed Driver, NE, 2008-2013 (N=151)<sup>3</sup>**



- During 2008-2013, Nebraskans 45-54 years old had the highest motorcycle fatality rate<sup>3</sup>.
- In Nebraska, for hospitalizations due to a motorcycle injury the primary injury for 1 in 3 riders (30%) was a head injury<sup>3</sup>.
- Per vehicle mile traveled, motorcyclists were more than 26 times more likely than passenger car occupants to die in a traffic crash.<sup>1</sup>
- In 2013, the total charges for all riders hospitalized as a result of a motorcycle injury was over \$11 million, 9% was paid for by Medicare or Medicaid<sup>3</sup>.

**Figure 2: Median Charges for Motorcycle Hospitalization, Head Injury vs. Other Injuries, NE, 2008-2013<sup>3</sup> (N=892)**



## Motorcycle Safety Tips<sup>2</sup>

- Always wear a DOT-approved helmet
- Never ride your motorcycle after drinking alcohol
- Wear protective clothing that provides some level of injury protection, with bright colors or reflective materials
- Avoid tailgating
- Maintain a safe speed and exercise caution when traveling over slippery surfaces or gravel.

## Impact of Helmets

- Helmets are estimated to prevent 37% of crash deaths among motorcycle riders and 41% of crash deaths for motorcycle passengers.<sup>2</sup>

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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